Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills

Have carefully examined and compared S. B. No. 3, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 12:25 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared S. B. No. 2, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 12:25 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas,

Monday, January 18, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Pro Tem. Nugent.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Johnson. Bailey of DeWitt. King. Bailey of Harris. Lattimore. McGregor. Bee. Brelsford. McNealus. Clark. Morrow. Nugent. Conner. Page. Cowell. Parr. Darwin. Robbins. Gibson. Hall. Suiter. Harley. Terrell. Townsend. Harris. Westbrook. Henderson. Hudspeth. Wiley.

Absent.

Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain. Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, the same was dis- of this resolution to the President,

pensed with on motion of Senator McNealus.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator McNealus presented a petition from Edwin Morrow of Dallas, requesting passage of bill extending time of payment of taxes.

Standing Committee Reports.

See Appendix for all standing committee reports.

Simple Resolution No. 22.

By Senator Johnson:

Whereas, Hon. Jno. W. Veale, a former honorable member of this

body, is now in the gallery,
Resolved, That he be invited to
address the Senate and be granted the privilege of the floor.

JOHNSON LATTIMORE.

The resolution was read and adopted, and former Senator Veale was presented to the Senate and made a brief address.

Simple Resolution No. 23.

By Senator Westbrook et al.:

Be it Resolved, That the Senate of Texas endorse as patriotic and wise the administration of our Democratic President, the Honorable Woodrow Wilson, and reaffirm our faith in, and allegiance to, the National Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore, excepting the declara-tion in favor of the exemption of American vessels from the payment of tolls through the Panama Canal (which doubtless found its way into the platform through oversight of the Resolutions Committee of that convention), and we specifically endorse the action of President Wilson and Congress repealing the law granting to American vessels such exemption.

We also specifically endorse the administration's Mexican policy and the strict neutrality maintained in dealing with the present great European crisis; be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send copies the Secretary of State, and to each member of Congress from Texas.

Conner, Townsend, Hall, Darwin, Harley, Harris, Westbrook, Robbins, Suiter, Johnson, Lattimore, Henderson, Cowell, Gibson.

The resolution was read and Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by adding, at the end thereof, the following: "And we further endorse the wise and patriotic administration of Governor O. B. Colquitt, who is now retiring from the arduous and responsible duties of said office, and wish him peace and prosperity in his retirement to private life."

The amendment was read, and Senator Westbrook made the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the resolution since it contained a different subject matter

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Cowell:

S. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 15, General Laws, passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, amending Section 6, Chapter 3, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved February 2, 1911, relative to a system of State, County and City Depositories for State, county and city funds, and defining the duties of the State Treasurer as to the acceptance of the State, county, municipal, independent school district, common school district and road improvement district bonds as collateral security for deposits made in the State depositories; by amending the aforesaid Act so that deposits in State depositories may be secured by bonds executed by the depositories with corporations authorized to execute such bonds as sureties: prescribing the terms and conditions of such bonds, authorizing recoveries thereon, and defining certain duties of the State Treasurer and the Attorney General with reference thereto; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emer-

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History. By Senator Bailey of Harris:

S. B. No. 78, A Bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the enlargement of the powers of corporations organized under Chapter 117 of the General Laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, approved May 15, 1899, now Chapter 24 of Title 25 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, for the purpose of storing, transporting, buying and selling oil and gas, salt, brine and other mineral solutions in this State, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to

Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 79 A Bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5623, Title 86, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing that the furnishers of material or labor may secure a lien on any house, building, improvement or railroad by giving written notice to the owner, with itemized statement, and providing, further, that Яħ owner may relieve himself from liability, and his property any lien, by contract in writing and causing his contractor or builder to execute and file bond with sureties with county clerk, and by adding Section 2, providing the conditions of such bond, and by adding Section 3, requiring lienor to file with the owner and the county clerk his sworn statement within 90 days after the owner's notice of acceptance is filed; and by adding Section 4, requiring the owner to file in the office of the county clerk a signed and acknowledged statement of his acceptance of the work or the contractor's default; and by adding Section 5, providing that the owner shall file with the county clerk his contract, bond and acceptance; and by adding Section 6, providing that the owner or lienor may file a petition and require all interested parties to set up their rights therein, authorizing judgment against original contractor and his sureties; fixing the liability of the owner where he fails to comply with this law, limiting the defenses of the sureties on said bond to such defenses as the principal contractor might set up, and authorizing bond companies to execute such bonds; and by adding Section 7, declaring the purpose of this Bill, and by adding Section 8, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,

and by adding Section 9, declaring an emergency.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senators Morrow and Bailey of DeWitt:

S. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1827, 1829, 1902, and to repeal Articles 1829a and 1829b of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 127 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session, and to provide for the plea of general denial, and prescribing its effects; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Conner:

S. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 65, Chapter 6, Article 4435, Revised Statutes 1911, as to the qualifications of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Conner:

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 7695 and 7697, Title 126, Revised Statutes, 1911."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Conner:

S. B. No. 83. A bill to be entitled "A Bill amending Article 2386, Revised Statutes, 1911, and providing seal for justice court, and adding Article 2386a.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Message From the Governor.

Here a messenger from the Governor's office appeared at the bar of the Senate, and delivered a "message from the Governor," and the same went to the President's table.

Joint Session.

The Chair, at 11 o'clock a. m., January 19, announced that the hour had arrived for the Senate and House to meet in joint session to count the and tellers appointed to canvass the vote and prepare for the inaugura- vote for Governor and Lieutenant

tion of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and, accordingly, the Sen-ate repaired in order to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

In joint session the Senate called to order by President Pro Tem. Nugent, who directed the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll of the Senate, a quorum being an-nounced present, the following answering to their names:

Astin. Johnson. Bailey of DeWitt. King. Bailey of Harris. Lattimore. McGregor. Bee. Breisford. McNealus. Clark. Morrow. Conner. Nugent. Page. Cowell. Darwin. Parr. Robbins Gibson. Hall. Suiter. Harley. Terrell. Townsend. Harris. Henderson. Westbrook. Hudspeth. Wiley.

Absent.

Smith.

At the conclusion of the roll call of the House, and the announcement of a quorum present; the President Pro Tem. of the Senate, announced, on part of the Senate, the appoint-ment of Senators King, Bee and Darwin on the committee to assist in counting the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

At Ease.

Here Senator Brelsford moved, on part of the Senate, that the Joint Session stand at ease until 3 o'clock today. A like motion was made on part of the House, and the Joint Session accordingly remained at ease until 3 o'clock.

The Joint Session was called to order at 3 o'clock, and, on motion was at ease for an indefinite time.

At 4:30 o'clock p. m. the Joint Session was again called to order, and the committee made the following report:

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915. Hon. Jno. W. Woods, Speaker of House of Representatives; Hon. C. W. Nugent, President of Senate. Sirs: We, your joint committee

Simple Resolution No. 23.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, Simple Resolution No. 23, by Senator Westbrook, the question being on point of order by Senator Westbrook that the amendment was not germane, and

Senator Bailey of De Witt moved that the resolution and amendments be referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator McNealus offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by adding after the fourth word of the second line the word "general."

Senator Harley moved the previous question on the motion to refer, which, being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The motion to refer the resolution and amendments to the Committee on State Affairs was then adopted.

Message From the Governor.

The following message, received on January 15, was read to the Senate:

Governor's Office, Austin, Texas. January 15, 1915.

To the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Further complying with Section 9 of Article 4 of the Constitution, which requires the Governor to account to the Legislature for all public moneys received and paid out by him. I submit to you the following statement:

In March, 1914, I paroled fifty men out of the State penitentiary to the commissioners of the Lindale. Smith County, road district. They were all paroled upon their honor, under contract with the commissioners of the road district, on the condition that said commissioners should pay to me as Governor the sum of \$15.00 per month for the labor of these prisoners. The commissioners of the road district were to bear the expense of the upkeep

of the men; provide them with comfortable, clean and sanitary quarters and food. Among other conditions of the parole, no guards or shotguns or dogs were to be used to control the men. The men were placed upon their honor,

To encourage these men, and give them a second chance to redeem their lost fortunes and show themselves worthy, I agreed to pay to them one-half of the wages they earned. As a part of this message, I take pleasure in attaching a blank copy of the parole, in order to make a public record of same, and it speaks for itself.

In April, 1914, I paroled thirty-five men to the county judge and commissioner's court of Gregg County, under the same terms and on the same conditions. In June, 1914, I paroled twenty-five men to the county judge and commissioner's court of Young County; and in the same month I paroled twenty-five men to the commissioners of the Tyler, Smith County, road district; all on the same terms as the men were paroled to the commissioners of the Lindale road district.

Later on, I increased the number of men paroled to the Lindale road district to sixty-five. I now have paroled to the Lindale road district thirty-three men; to Gregg County, seventeen; to the Tyler road district, nineteen; and to Young County, none, they having expressed a desire that I cancel my contract of parole with them. This has been done, and the men paroled to Young County, to whom I have not granted conditional pardons, have been returned to the State penitentiary at Huntsville.

Below you will find a table showing the amount of money received for the labor of these prisoners from each county or district to which they were paroled; also the amount paid by me to these men, and the amount paid by me into the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Prison Commissioners, and the amount of expenses incurred and paid out of the portion which I retained for the State. These amounts are shown by months:

Lindale Road District-

Month.	Amt. Recd.	Paid to Men.	Expense.	Balance.
March\$	733.13	357.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 291.13
April	750.00	375.00		375.00
May	918.50	465.00	48.25	405.25

Month.	Amt. Recd.	Paid to Men.	Expense.	Balance.
June\$	915.00 \$	453.00		\$ 462.00
July	815.50	407.75	\$ 77.45	330.30
August	846.50	423, 25	•	423.25
September	835.00	406.25	30.00	398.75
October	771.00	385.50		385.50
Actords	45.00	22.50		22.50
November	762.50	380.75	28.50	353.25
November December	610.50	305.25	20.00	305.25
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	481.30	\$ 240.65	\$ 89.40	\$ 151.25
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May	481.50			240.75
June	416.60	204.00		212.60
July	325.60	154.40		171.20
August	291.40	140.80		150.60
September	324.30	162.10	•	162.20
October	314.75	157.30		157.45
November	290.45	145.05		145.40
December	215.40	107.65		107.75
	3,141.30	\$ 1,552.70	\$ 89.40	\$1,499.20
Tyler Road	District—			
June\$	330.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 31.25	\$ 133.75
July	315.00	157.50		157.50
August	372.45	161.50	46.25	164.70
September	259.70	148.50		111.20
October	375.00	187,50		187.50
November	365.00	182,50	45.40	137.10
December	256.00	128.00		128.00
\$	2,273.15	\$ 130.50	122.90	\$1,019.75
Young Coun	ty Road Dist	rict—		
June\$		\$ 180.00	80.00	\$ 100.00
July	330.00	165,00		165.00
August	300.00	150.00		150.00
September	295.00	147.50		147.50
October	300.00	150.00	•	150.00
November	265.00	132.50		132.50
December	101.00	50.50		50.50
\$	1,951.00	\$ 975.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 895.50
Lindale\$	8,002.63	\$ 3,981.25	\$269.20	\$3,752.18
			89.40	
Gregg Co	3,141.30	1,552.70		1,499.20
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•	•	561.50	•	
		7,166,63	•	
	15,368.08	\$15,368.08		

This policy has proven a success-ful and most gratifying experiment. I have paroled a total of 200 men to these road districts during the pe-riod of time covered by the foregoing figures from March, 1914, to Janu-ary 1, 1915, and have received from

out of the portion retained by the State. There has been paid into the State Treasury the sum of \$7,166.63, to the credit of the Board of Prison Commissioners.

As stated, there have been no guards with shotguns and dogs to overlook or pursue these men. They were paroled on their honor, and required to do ten hours' work per day, and I am told by those directly in charge of them that they have been satisfactory laborers. In the contract of parole, I stipulated that the men were to remain in their camps and not be absent therefrom after a stipulated hour in the evening, except by written permit from the authorities in charge of them. condition was imposed in order to protect the men against being charged with any crimes or misdemeanors committed by others in the neighborhood. Another condition of the parole was that those in charge of the men were to see that they had an opportunity at proper times to attend church and other religious exercises.

Out of the 200 men paroled by me, only twelve ran away, and six of these were recaptured.

Altogether, the experiment has proven a remarkable success. I beg the privilege of suggesting to the Legislature that a careful inquiry be made into the system, with a view of paroling a larger number of men on the same conditions to build good roads throughout the State.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.

"lessage From the Governor.

Governor's Office, Austin, Texas. January 15, 1915.

To the Senate:

I ask the advice and consent of the Senate to the following recess appointments:

Hon. Geo. S. McReynolds of Bell County to be a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, vice Hon. Clarence Ousley, resigned.

Hon, D. A. Gregg of Travis County to be Secretary of State, in place of Hon. F. C. Weinert, resigned.

Hon. Gib Callaway to be district morning.

attorney of the Fifty-second Judicial District.

Hon. Hugh Carney to be district attorney of the Fifty-second Judicial District.

Hon. R. B. Young to be judge of the Forty-eighth Judicial District, vice Hon. R. H. Buck, resigned.

Hon. R. H. Buck to be a member of the Court of Civil Appeals, Second District.

Hon. A. M. Walthall to be a member of the Court of Civil Appeals, Eighth District.

Mrs. W. V. Galbreath to be a member of the Board of Control for the Girls' Training School.

Respectfully submitted
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.

Executive Session-Time Set For.

Senator Hudspeth moved that the Senate sit in executive session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of considering the above appointments by the Governor.

The motion was adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 24.

By Senator Henderson:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That the Senate Rules be so amended as to add Senate Rule No. 36a to read as follows:

"All resolutions endorsing, commending or criticising any National or State administration, or the acts of any individual, National, State or other officer, or the act or omission of any private citizen, shall hereafter be referred to the Committee on State Affairs; and said committee shall not report any such resolution back to the Senate if upon investigation the said resolution is found not to have been signed by a majority of the Senate elected at the time of its introduction."

The resolution was read and referred to Committee on Rules.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator McNealus the Senate, at 5:05 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Commerce and Manufacture, to whom was referred

S. B. Nos. 13, 30 and 31, have had the same under consideration, and we beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the rcommndation that neither of said bills pass, but that the attached committee substitute do pass.

LATTIMORE, Chairman. Committee Substitute for Senate Bills Nos. 13, 30 and 31.

A BILL To be entitled

An Act for the extension of the time of payment of taxes due the State of Texas in the various counties of said State for 1914, remitting penalties and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the operation of those articles of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 hereinafter named be and the same is hereby suspended, in so far as said articles are applicable to the collection of taxes due from or proceedings against natural persons, up to and until November 30, 1915, after which time said articles of the said statute, and all rights and penalties accruing thereunder as to all taxes for the year 1914, which then remain unpaid, shall be in full force, operation and effect. The articles of the said statute referred to herein are as follows: Article 7688, Article 7689, Article 7690, Article 7691, Article 7692.

Sec. 2. All taxes due the State of Texas or any of its several counties for the year 1914 which are not paid before the first day of February, 1915, and which may be paid prior to the first day of December, 1915, shall bear interest from February 1, 1915, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum.

Sec. 3. Any officer who shall attempt to collect any penalties, or

subject to removal for malfeasance in office.

Sec. 4. Immediately upon the passage of this act the Secretary of State shall mail a copy thereof to each tax collector in this State.

Sec. 5. From and after the 30th day of November, 1915, each and all of the aforesaid statutes, the operation of which has been suspended by this act, shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 6. The shortage of money in this State and the fact that penalties for non-payment of taxes commence on February 1 of each year creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and this bill shall become a law from and after the date of its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 14, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 20, have had the same under consideration, and we beg to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the following committee substitute do pass in lieu thereof, to wit:

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act to amend Section 10, of Chapter 49, of the Acts of the Twentyseventh Legislature as amended by Chapter 10 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 10, or Chapter 49, of the Acts of the Twen-That Section 10, of ty-seventh Legislature as amended by Chapter 10 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature be and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:
"Section 10. Each road commis-

sioner of Fayette County shall receive five dollars per day and each road commissioner of Uvalde, Mc-Mullen, Frio and Atascosa Counties the sum of three dollars per day for time employed in services actually bring any suit, or do any act in viola- performed in any one year, said per tion of the terms of this act, shall be diem to be paid out of the road fund

when the amount shall have been approved by the commissioners court; and the court shall not approve said account unless the commissioner presenting same shall sign an affidavit to the same that the account is just, due and unpaid, and that the work was actually performed by him, and that it was necessary to be done, and said account shall specify the number of days worked by him and the dates thereof, and no commissioner shall be entitled to pay as road commissioner while he is performing the duties of county commissioner and receiving pay therefor.

Sec. 2. The fact that several of the counties named in the bill are now engaged in extensive road building creates an emergency and a necessity exists for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring the bill to be read on three several days, and be it so enacted.

LATTIMORE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas. January 13, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: A minority of your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures to whom was referred S. B. No. 13 have had the same under consideration and I am requested to report that the said minority recommend that the bill do pass.

BRELSFORD.

(Note: The above minority committee report on S. B. No. 13 appears here by order of the Senate on motion of Senator Brelsford.)

Floor Report.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Teni. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Stock and Stockraising, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, entitled 'Of the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals running at large in particular counties named,' so as to include Terrell County under the provisions of said article, and declaring correctly engrossed.
an emergency."

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Have had the same under consideration and we beg to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but be not printed.

Clark, Chairman; Johnson, Parr, Suiter, Lattimore, Hudspeth, Conner.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro

Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Debt, Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 72, same being "An Act granting permission to Philip H. Fall, Charles P. MacGill and the heirs of E. B. Nichols, deceased, and their associates, to bring suit in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, to ascertain, adjudicate, fix and establish their claims against the State of Texas as owners and holders of certain claims and bonds therein mentioned, and providing, further, that the State Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay out of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, on the warrant of the Comptroller, the amount of such judgment, and directing the Comptroller of Public Accounts to issue warrant for amount of such final judgment as may be obtained, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

TOWNSEND, Chairman.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President of the

Senate:
Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared S. C. R. No. 3, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915.

Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Your Committee grossed Bills, have carefully compared S. B. No. 47, and find the same

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915. Hon, C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully compared S. B. No. 48, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Your committee on grossed Bills, have carefully compared S. B. No. 51, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3878 of an Act entitled, Fees of Notaries Public, Chapter 3, Titile 58, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, fixing fees of notaries public for protesting bills or notes, issuing notice, giving certificates, taking acknowledgments, making copies, taking depositions and administering oaths," have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

MORROW, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee Sir: No. 1, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining loan broker, and providing that loan brokers shall give bond, and the requisites of such bond, and providing for the recording of such bond, and its renewal every twelve months, and providing that a separate bond shall be given for each place of business conducted, and providing for the keeping of books by loan brokers and what such books port same back to the Senate with shall contain, and providing that the recommendation that it do pass. such books shall be open for inspec-

tion. and providing that service of citation upon the county judge of the county in which the business is conducted, shall, support a judgment against any non-resident person, firm or corporation conducting such business, and providing that citation upon any person employed by a loan broker shall be sufficient to support a judgment on such bond, and against any property owned by such loan broker, in the State of Texas, and providing that it shall be unlawful to conduct such business if any judgment remain unpaid sixty days after such final judgment, and pro-viding for penalties for the violation thereof, and providing that judgment obtained against any loan broker is collectible out of the bond provided for, and affixing a penalty for doing business as a loan broker without the compliance of the provisions of this Act, and providing that each assignment of wages or order for unpaid wages and chattel mortgage or bill of sale to household or kitchen furniture shall be void unless same be signed and acknowledged by the wife separately, and providing for the payment of an annual tax, and making compromise for usury and interest unlawfully collected contrary to public policy, is void, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. MORROW, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 15, 1915. Hon. C. W. Nugent, President Pro Tem. of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 56, A Bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1913, and to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31. 1914; and to cover authorized deficiencies for the year ending August 31, 1915; and to make a special appropriation for the support of the University of Texas for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to re-COWELL, Chairman.